

Utah Pedestrian Injury Facts



Do You Know These Facts About Pedestrian Injuries in Utah?

- Pedestrians are 20 times more likely to be killed in a motor vehicle crash than occupants of a motor vehicle.¹
- 95% of pedestrians involved in a pedestrian/motor vehicle crash are injured.¹
- Salt Lake-Ogden area ranks 31st most dangerous for pedestrians among large metropolitan areas in the U.S.²
- \$5 million is spent each year to treat pedestrian injuries at hospitals and emergency departments.³
- Pedestrians 50 years and older make up only 13% of pedestrians hit by automobiles but they account for 33% of pedestrian fatalities.⁴

1995-2004 Pedestrian Injury Data

Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Crashes (Ped/MVC)

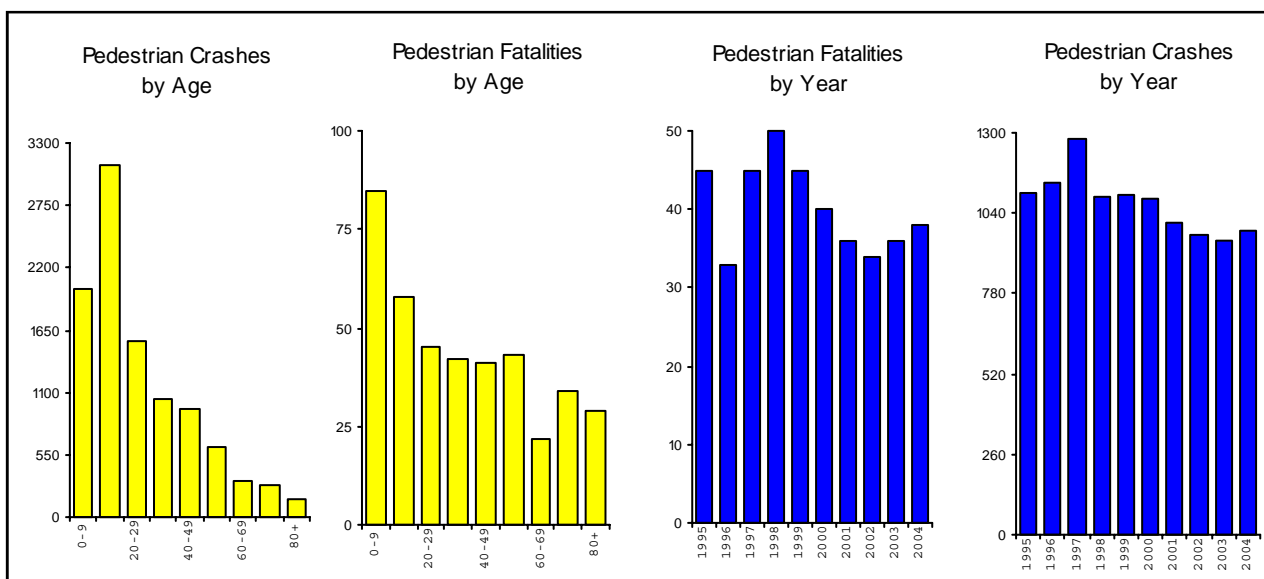
- 10,740 pedestrians were hit by automobiles.⁴
- 40% of drivers were cited for a traffic violation in Ped/MVC.¹
- 21% of drivers involved in Ped/MVC were teenagers.⁴
- 49% of Ped/MVC crashes occurred between 2 - 7 PM.⁴
- 58% of pedestrians hit were male.⁴
- More than a 1/3 of pedestrians hit were 14 years old and younger.⁴



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Pedestrian Fatalities

- 402 pedestrians were killed by automobiles.⁴
- Utah's pedestrian fatality rate ranks 24th in the U.S.⁵
- 66% of pedestrians killed were male.⁴
- Nearly 1/3 of pedestrians killed were 14 years old and younger.⁴



Prevention Information

Most pedestrian injuries can be prevented by choosing safe behaviors and obeying traffic laws.

Tips For Motorists

- SLOW DOWN especially in neighborhoods, around schools, and parks.
- Drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing the street at an intersection whether or not the crosswalk is marked or unmarked.
- Always stop behind the crosswalk, not in it.
- Look for pedestrians when making left and right turns.
- Stop and look for pedestrians on sidewalks.
- Pedestrians are the road users most at risk in traffic. Do all you can to avoid a crash.

Tips For Pedestrians

- Crosswalks are not always safe. Be sure to stop and look in all directions before stepping into the street.
- Get the drivers attention before crossing in front of a vehicle.
- Check left-right-left before crossing the street and watch for vehicles making turns.
- If sidewalks exist, use them. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic on the shoulder of the road.
- Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight at night, light clothing is not enough.

Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Crash Rates Per 100,000 People By County 1995-2004

Rank	County	Rate
1	Salt Lake	63.25
2	Weber	50.07
—	State	48.24
3	Utah	43.29
4	Sevier	41.08
5	Grand	39.68
6	Beaver	36.57
7	Davis	36.49
8	Juab	35.61
9	Cache	34.21
10	Washington	31.58
11	Box Elder	30.30
12	Iron	29.09
13	Summit	28.90
14	Wastach	27.18
15	Uintah	26.86
16	Garfield	26.21
17	Duchesne	25.73
18	Rich	25.48
19	Tooele	25.20
20	Millard	23.98
21	Sanpete	23.20
22	Kane	21.72
23	Carbon	20.38
24	San Juan	19.61
25	Daggett	11.49
26	Emery	11.14
27	Morgan	6.93
28	Wayne	4.08
29	Piute	0.00

In Utah 59% of pedestrians fatalities occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Distance At Which A Driver Will First See A Pedestrian At Night

